

## Message Text

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ABDUL KARIM, SECRETARY TO THE  
PRESIDENT, EMBOFF ASKED IF STEVENS WOULD ATTEND SUMMIT MEETING  
SINCE HE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED HE PLANNED TO DO SO (REFTEL).  
(NEWS OF SUMMIT TO BE HELD MARCH 18 HAS APPEARED IN LOCAL  
MEDIA CITING ABIDJAN PRESS AS SOURCE.) KARIM SAID STEVENS  
WOULD NOT ATTEND. HE ALSO ASKED RHETORICALLY WHY STEVENS  
HAD NOT BEEN INVITED. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SUMMIT  
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COULD HAVE PROFITED FROM STEVENS' AGE AND EXPERIENCE.

2. KARIM SAID TOURE AND STEVENS HAD DISCUSSED SUMMIT CON-  
FERENCE DURING SECRET VISIT TOURE MADE TO SIERRA LEONE ABOUT  
FEBRUARY 16. (TOURE WAS TO HAVE BEEN GUEST OF HONOR AT  
KAMBIA BRIDGE OPENING FEBRUARY 17, BUT DID NOT SHOW UP FOR  
CEREMONY.) WHILE NOT REVEALING SUBSTANCE OF MEETING KARIM

INDICATED RELATIONS BETWEEN TOURE AND STEVENS WERE STRAINED.  
IN RESPONSE EMBOFF STATEMENT THAT TOURE MAY BE FEELING ISOLATED,  
KARIM REPLIED WITH HEAT THAT TOURE SHOULD FEEL ISOLATED AND  
THE WONDER WAS THAT HE HAD NOT FELT SO MUCH EARLIER.

3. KARIM VOLUNTEERED THAT HE THOUGHT SUMMIT WOULD BE FUTILE  
EXERCISE. HE SAID HE HAD EARLIER TOLD STEVENS THAT WITHIN  
TWO MONTHS AFTER SUMMIT TOURE WOULD AGAIN BE ATTACKING SENGHOR  
AND HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY PUBLICLY. EMBOFF EXPRESSED USG HOPE  
SUMMIT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND NOTED THAT EASING OF TENSIONS  
IN WEST AFRICA WOULD BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED.  
KARIM AGREED BUT AGAIN INDICATED PESSIMISM.

4. COMMENT: IN THE FACE OF KARIM'S COMMENTS IT IS NOT CLEAR  
WHY STEVENS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO  
ATTEND SUMMIT MEETING (REFTEL). WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE THAT  
TOURE EITHER ASKED STEVENS TO ATTEND OR INTIMATED THAT STEVENS  
WOULD BE INVITED.  
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